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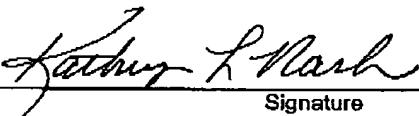
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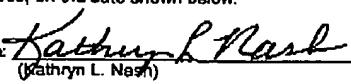
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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 7, 2005, please further revise the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include attached drawings.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

An Appendix including additional drawing figures is attached following page 7 of this paper.